

2012

# TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS/MERIT AWARDS

## APPLICATION

*(Must print or type)*

Fairs are evaluated by the State Merit Awards Committee. If determined worthy, your fair will receive an Award of Merit, 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up, 1st runner-up, or champion award from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture respective of the four classifications of A, AA, AAA, or Regional. The Tennessee Association of Fairs will also present a “Most Improved” award for a fair in A, AA, or AAA classification and a Champion of Champions Award. In order for a fair to be eligible for one of the state or association awards, a fair must have paid \$1,000 or more in premiums for *approved* agricultural exhibits at their most recent fair.

**Name of Fair** \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete Fair Mailing Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Physical Address of Fair (street, highway):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age of Fair** \_\_\_\_\_ **2012 Fair Dates** \_\_\_\_\_

## CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the information in this application is true and accurate, and we agree to stand by the decision of the Merit Awards Committee.

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President \_\_\_\_\_
Date \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Manager
Date

MUST be signed by at least two (2) fair officials. Premium catalog MUST accompany this application.

**MAIL TO:**      **Emily Pitcock**  
**Tennessee Association of Fairs**  
**123 Clark Mill Road**  
**Fayetteville, TN 37334**

**DEADLINE: November 1, 2012**

**FAIR SUMMARY**

Fair \_\_\_\_\_

**FAIR CLASSIFICATION:****2010****2011****2012**

Area served by fair: County \_\_\_\_\_ Regional \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated total attendance (free and/or paid) \_\_\_\_\_

**PARTICIPATION:**

Number of individual exhibits or entries (total pg. 3 plus pg. 4) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of individual exhibitors (total pg. 3 plus pg. 4) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of commercial exhibits \_\_\_\_\_

Number of volunteers assisting with fair during year \_\_\_\_\_

Number of hours contributed by volunteers \_\_\_\_\_

**PREMIUM INFORMATION:**Total amount offered in all premiums (i.e. prize money,  
agriculture, demolition derby, horse show, tractor pull, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_Total amount actually paid in all premiums (cash) \_\_\_\_\_Total amount offered in approved agricultural premiums \_\_\_\_\_Total amount actually paid in approved agricultural premiums \_\_\_\_\_**FINANCES:**

County or local aid \_\_\_\_\_

Gross receipts for fair week only (excluding state or local aid) \_\_\_\_\_

Actual expenses (excluding permanent improvements) \_\_\_\_\_

Expenses made for permanent improvements \_\_\_\_\_

Gain or Loss for fair

Gain \_\_\_\_\_

Loss \_\_\_\_\_

Unusual circumstances resulting in the gain or loss: \_\_\_\_\_

General weather conditions during the fair: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITS**

Fair \_\_\_\_\_

Departments	No. of Exhibits (entries)			No. of Exhibitors (individuals)		
<b>Livestock &amp; other animals</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
1. Beef (open competition)						
2. Junior Beef (Youth)						
3. Dairy (open competition)						
4. Junior Dairy (Youth)						
5. Sheep (open competition)						
6. Junior Sheep (Youth)						
7. Swine (open competition)						
8. Junior Swine (Youth)						
9. Mules & Draft Horses						
10. Goats						
11. Poultry, rabbits						
12. Other animals (emu, ostrich, etc.)						

**Animal Products:**

13. Cheese, eggs, etc.						
14. Honey, meats, etc.						

**Horticulture:**

15. Youth field crops, vegetables						
16. Adult field crops, vegetables						
17. Flowers, plants, arrangements, etc.						

**Domestic Arts/Activities:**

18. Youth domestic arts						
19. Adult domestic arts						

**Youth Educational Exhibits (table top, free-standing):**

20. FFA, 4-H, FHA/HERO, etc.						
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**Adult Educational Exhibits (table top, free-standing):**

21. Community Club, FCE Clubs, etc.						
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<b>TOTAL Agricultural Exhibits</b>			
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<b>TOTAL Agricultural Exhibitors</b>			
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**COMPETITIVE INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITS**  
(non-agricultural)

Fair \_\_\_\_\_

Departments	Number of Exhibits (entries)				Number of Exhibitors (individuals)		
	2010	2011	2012		2010	2011	2012
1. Adult Art							
2. Youth Art							
3. Adult Craft							
4. Youth Crafts							
5. Adult Photography							
6. Youth Photography							
7. Vocational School Exhibits							
8. Other (demolition derby, horse show, tractor pull, etc.)							
<b>TOTAL competitive exhibits</b>							
<b>TOTAL competitive exhibitors</b>							

***FAIR FACILITIES/ACTIVITIES***

1. What type of grounds do you have? (fairgrounds, school, park, etc.)

2. Ownership of grounds: Government      School      Privately Owned      Other

If other, describe:

Number of acres

3. Are permanent buildings available?    Yes      No

**Fair** \_\_\_\_\_

**4. 2012 Fair – List New Features, Events, or other activities introduced at your fair:**

**5. List and describe Live Demonstrations:**

**6. Describe in brief narrative what your fair is doing to encourage the following:**  
**Agriculture and Industry      Youth Involvement      Leadership      Development,**  
**Better Rural and Urban Relationships      Attendance      Participation.**

Fair \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Describe ways your fair has addressed the areas of concern regarding Reducing Disease Risks to visitors and promotion of hand-washing. Did your fair display hand-washing posters provided by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture? Did you make your own signage? Hand-washing stations? Describe actions taken. Be specific and quantitative.**

**8. Describe improvements made to your fair and fairgrounds during the year. Include pictures, etc.**

**Fair** \_\_\_\_\_

9. Give reasons you feel your fair should be considered for an award for 2012.